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Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS) **Sees Another Increase in Returns**

Baton Rouge- The Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS) announced today that it continues to experience good returns in this market environment. The System has seen a 14.8% return on its investments for the current fiscal year, with assets of \$7.76 billion at the end of November. For the calendar year as of November 30, the fund has returned 21.2%.

Since the low point in the market at the end of February 2009, LASERS assets have increased by over \$1.8 billion. "We are pleased to report these numbers to our members." says LASERS Executive Director Cindy Rougeou, "Our Board and our Investments team have taken a steady approach during some difficult economic times."

Chief Investment Officer Bobby Beale added "LASERS investments were well positioned to benefit from the overall market improving over the last nine months."

LASERS manages one-third of its investments portfolio internally, saving millions of dollars per year in professional management fees.

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